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COUNT 1

- (A) An isolated recombinantly produced human papillomavirus L1 protein, wherein said protein reproduces the antigenicity and exhibits the same conformation as an L1 major capsid protein expressed on the surface of intact human papillomavirus virions; or
- (B) A papillomavirus virus-like particle made by the method which comprises:

 constructing a recombinant DNA molecule that contains a sequence encoding a papillomavirus

 L1 protein;

transfecting a host cell with the recombinant DNA molecule; expressing papillomavirus L1 protein in the host cell; and

obtaining papillomavirus virus-like particles from the transfected host cell; wherein the papillomavirus is not HPV 16; or

(C) Isolated papillomavirus capsids comprising an L1 polypeptide which contains at least one conformational epitope and is capable of inducing high-titer neutralizing antibody, produced by the method comprising:

permitting a genetic construct, comprising a papillomavirus L1 gene, to direct recombinant expression and self-assembly of papillomavirus capsids comprising the L1 polypeptide in a transformed eukaryotic host cell; and isolating said self-assembled capsids; or

(D) An isolated non-infectious human papillomavirus virus-like particle or capsomere comprising a human papillomavirus L1 capsid protein which is conformationally correct and is recognized by antibodies present in sera obtained from human patients infected with the human papillomavirus.

The claims of the parties which correspond to the count

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Claims 35-37, 42-45, 48, 50, 52-57, 59, 61-65, Rose et al.:

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